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FROM: [REDACTED] & WARNER

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1. WARNER DISCUSSED POINTS RAISED IN PARA ONE AND TWO REF WITH O'DONNELL. WHILE SHARING YOUR CONCERN AT POSSIBLE HARM TO INTERESTS OF U. S. GOVERNMENT AND THE AGENCY O'DONNELL STATED MATTERS HAD NOT REACHED A SERIOUS STAGE AND DID NOT BELIEVE THEY WOULD. ENTIRE SUBJECT DISCUSSED BY THE PRESIDENT WITH THE LEADERSHIP THIS MORNING. O'DONNELL ADVISES THAT PRESIDENT PLANS TO SPEAK TO SENATOR CLARK. GENERAL BELIEF HELD THAT PRIMARY BASIS FOR OPPOSITION IS AGENCY AND NOT [REDACTED] AND O'DONNELL STATES BRENT SHOULD NOT BE UNDULY DISTURBED. FURTHER O'DONNELL STATED THE PRESIDENT RETAINS THE FULLEST CONFIDENCE IN YOU. GENERAL FEELING IS VOTING TOMORROW WILL BE OVERWHELMING AFFIRMATIVE.

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2. WARNER ALSO DISCUSSED YOUR CONCERN ABOUT THE DANGER TO U. S. GOVERNMENT, THE AGENCY AND AMERICAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES OPERATING ABROAD AS WELL AS THE

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SPECIFIC POINTS IN PARA THREE AND FOUR REF WITH SENATORS RUSSELL, SALTONSTALL AND JACKSON. THESE THREE AND SYMINGTON BELIEVE THAT AT THIS STAGE THE MATTER IS OVER THE HUMP AS FAR AS FURTHER DAMAGING STATEMENTS ON THE FLOOR. THEY ALL FEEL THERE WILL BE AN OVERWHELMING AFFIRMATIVE VOTE TOMORROW. EFFORTS TO PUT OVER VOTING UNTIL FRIDAY AND THEN THURSDAY WERE BLOCKED BY SALTONSTALL ON THE FLOOR BY PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENT WITH RUSSELL AND DIRKSEN. APPARENTLY THE PURPOSE OF PUTTING OVER THE VOTE WAS TO PERMIT MORSE TO SPEAK TO THIS MATTER WHO AS OF NOW WILL NOT BE BACK IN TOWN IN TIME FOR THE VOTE. RUSSELL INDICATED THERE MIGHT BE TWELVE TO FIFTEEN NEGATIVE VOTES. SYMINGTON, SALTONSTALL AND JACKSON ALSO FEEL THAT THE NEGATIVE VOTES WILL BE IN THE RANGE OF TEN TO FIFTEEN.

3. AGAIN ALL FOUR FEEL THERE IS LITTLE PURPOSE TO BE SERVED NOW DEALING WITH FURTHER SPECIFICS WITH JUST A VERY SHORT FLOOR TIME LEFT. RUSSELL PLANS TO GO ON THE FLOOR TOMORROW TO MAKE A STRONG STATEMENT WHICH WILL BE HIS FIRST. HE INDICATED PROBABLY HE WOULD MAKE THE

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DISTINCTION WHICH HE PREVIOUSLY MADE WITH RESPECT TO
DCI AND SEC DEF CONFLICT PROBLEMS. POINT CONCERNING
AGENCY HANDBOOK AFTER CONSULTATION WITH WARNER
ADEQUATELY COVERED BY SYMINGTON ON THE FLOOR BY
25X1 INDICATING [REDACTED] SOUGHT COMPETENT ADVICE BEFORE TAKING
OFFICE AND RECEIVED AGENCY GENERAL COUNSEL OPINION
CONCURRED IN BY JUSTICE. THIS IN EFFECT WAS SAME
PROCEDURE REQUIRED BY HANDBOOK FOR ALL EMPLOYEES.
JACKSON PARTICULARLY MENTIONED FACT THAT FLOOR DEBATE HAS
RECEIVED EXTREMELY SMALL PRESS PLAY HERE.

4. IN SUMMARY O'DONNELL AND THE FOUR SENATORS BELIEVE
WORST IS OVER AND WHILE THIS IS A MATTER OF PROPER CONCERN
THERE HAS NOT BEEN SERIOUS DAMAGE.

5. RE PARA FIVE REF THIS NOT REPEAT NOT DISCUSSED
ANYWHERE. HOWEVER WE SHARE YOUR VIEW THAT CONFLICT OF
INTEREST QUESTION HAS BEEN USED TO OBSCURE REAL ISSUES.
ON THE OTHER HAND WE ARE IN FULL ACCORD WITH THE VIEWS OF
THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE SENATORS MENTIONED THAT THE
WORST IS OVER. CONSEQUENTLY IN THE ABSENCE OF ANYTHING
MORE SERIOUS THAN WE HAVE SEEN TO DATE OR CAN ANTICIPATE

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WE BELIEVE IT UNNECESSARY AND UNDESIRABLE TO EVEN
CONSIDER WITHDRAWAL. SUCH ACTION WOULD BE COUNTER-
PRODUCTIVE AND NOT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE U. S.
GOVERNMENT OR THE AGENCY. REPORT OF FLOOR PROCEEDINGS
FOLLOWS IN SEPARATE CABLE.

6. NEW SUBJECT. [REDACTED] ASKS THAT YOU BE 25X1
25X1 ADVISED [REDACTED] WILL BE AT [REDACTED] ON FRIDAY AND 25X1
SATURDAY - 2 and 3 FEBRUARY - IF YOU DESIRE TO SEE HIM.

END OF MESSAGE

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